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VENEZUELA.

Smallpox in Valencia, Puerto Cabello, and Caracas.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., June 18, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to quote for your information the following extract from dispatch No. 1146 of the 7th ultimo from our consul at Maracaibo:

"Smallpox is spreading in Valencia, Puerto Cabello, and by latest news also in Caracas. Should this terrible disease reach Maracaibo there is no doubt that, with the filthy condition of the city and the absence of sanitary precaution, a great many of our poorer classes will fall victims to the scourge."

Respectfully, yours,

WILLIAM R. DAY,
Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town*.—Two weeks ended June 3, 1898. Estimated population, 1,472. No deaths.

Governors Harbor.—Two weeks ended June 4, 1898. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths.

Green Turtle Cay.—Two weeks ended June 3, 1898. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths.

Nassau.—Two weeks ended June 4, 1898. Estimated population, 11,000. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from enteric fever.

COLUMBIA—*Republic of Carthagena*.—Month of May, 1898. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths, 41.

Panama.—Twenty days ending June 10, 1898. Estimated population, 16,000. No deaths from contagious diseases.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended June 4 correspond to an annual rate of 16.8 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378. The highest rate was recorded in Sunderland, viz, 24.6, and the lowest in Derby, viz, 9.9.

London.—One thousand three hundred and ninety-two deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 66; scarlet fever, 17; diphtheria, 30; whooping cough, 45; enteric fever, 3, and diarrhea and dysentery, 17. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 16.1 a thousand. In greater London 1,789 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 14.6 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 10 from measles, 10 from diphtheria, 3 from scarlet fever, and 13 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended June 4 in the 23 principal town districts of Ireland was 20.9 a thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Carrickfergus, viz, 7.3, and the highest in Porta-